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Group Hopes to S.T.O.P. Construction of Power Plant in Sutton

By Lawrence Moore

SUTTON - A group of Sutton residents opposed to the proposed power plant at the intersection of Route 146 and Central Turnpike have formed a group called S.T.O.P. (Sutton Taxpayers Opposing Power-Plants). The organizers are Rob and Annmarie Austin, Peter and Joann Army, Franklin and Mary Alice Herman, and Rosemary and Walter Cann.

The group held an informational meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, February 1. According to Walter Cann, who acted as moderator, the group consists of non-engineering people who have assembled information from public sources and documents.

An indication of the interest in the subject was the presence of 50 people at 7:30, a number that grew to 100 when the meeting was opened and peaked at over 125 as the evening progressed.

A set of information sheets prepared by S.T.O.P. and a copy of the preliminary information sheet prepared by the developer, J. Makowski Company, Inc. of Boston, were distributed.

Cann opened the meeting by projecting a map showing the location of the project on a 12 acre site at the northeast corner of the intersection of Route 146 and Central Turnpike. The area is traversed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline and the electric transmission lines of New England Electric System (NEES).

Gas would be one of the fuels used to power the plant (the other being oil), and the power generated would be sold to NEES. There would be one or two 85 megawatt generators designed to operate only when peak demand periods occur. The turbine generators would be automated and would be controlled by the dispatching center of the NE Power Pool. The size of each unit is approximately 20' x 140' and each would require 200 gallons of water during operation. The value of each unit would be $25 million.

Beginning with environmental issues, Cann stated that, based on information supplied by Town Engineer Dick Wharton, two operating plants would increase the drain on the town's aquifers by 27%, consuming roughly 50,000,000 gallons of water a year, the equivalent of 1,826 new residents. According to Cann, this usage might inhibit other industrial growth. In the face of a request by the state to reduce water consumption in the Blackstone Valley by 10 to 15%, Cann said this added usage would put Sutton about 40% over the state guideline.

Cann also stated that one turbine burning 33,000 gallons of oil an hour would require extensive transport and storage of oil with a consequent danger of spills.

Also discussed was the discharge of steam which the group maintains would result in fogging and road icing. Jack Connor, Sutton's representative on the Blackstone Valley Development Commission, told the gathering, "The discharge will be water vapor at high speed and will not result in fogging or road icing."

Arthur Murdock asked where the water would go after it is used. After being told that it would go up as steam, he followed by asking, "Why don't they put the plant on a body of water?" Alex Trenta said that the water was not used for cooling but rather was injected into the turbine with the fuel to reduce emissions.

In response to a question on how much oil and gas will be used, developer George Lamothe replied that oil usage will be 10%. Bob Austin said that economic factors might determine what will be used. "Who will check to see what is being used?" he asked.

Environmental and health concerns were brought up, including unknown chemical discharges, the aforementioned "steam", high tension lines, on-site hazardous waste, and questions about Sutton's ability to confront these issues. "Who says it's Sutton's responsibility to inspect for these factors," said David Husted. "The state has responsibility in this area too." Cann responded that state finances make that a problem, and, in addition, the state only gets involved in plants above 100 megawatts.

Kenneth Piel told the audience that state studies on the Wheelabrator Millbury Inc. plant indicate that the Dodge Hill area would be subject to pollutants of heavy metals and Dioxin. "You are already being polluted," he said, "and this plant will only make it worse."

Other concerns mentioned were: the eyesore of the plant, noise levels, possible dangers to children, stacks, tank trucks, oil storage, machinery, water depletion, and water storage tanks.

Cann then presented S.T.O.P.'s list of what the plant will and will not do: "It will not lower taxes, not lower electric bills, not directly provide additional power to Sutton, not provide jobs or encourage industry. It will increase tax revenue, air pollution, damage rural Sutton, open it to undesirable industry (Route 20 in Millbury), overwhelm town services, change the quality of Sutton, increase traffic and noise, stress the endangered aquifer, and increase health risks."

George LaMothe engaged in a brief exchange with Cann about the effect of the plan on taxation. The discussion was cut off before it became a debate.

"In this day and age taxes will never be lower," stated Mary K. Connor.

"It's true that the plant will generate taxes," Cann said, "but I'm not going to mislead people by telling them the plant will lower their taxes."

Ken Piel said that after 15 years in the community his experience was that new growth makes new demands on town services, and taxes never go down as a result of growth. "We moved here because of the rural character of the community," Piel said, "and one of the penalties that we pay is a

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Fire Damages Manor Road Home

By Andree Belisle

MILLBURY - Fire caused moderate damage to a two-story single family home owned by the Mancuso family at 39 Manor Road on Monday evening. No one was home at the time of the fire and there were no injuries. The fire extensively damaged one room and a portion of the roof; other rooms sustained partial damage.

Fire Engineer Phil Day and Wiring Inspector Joe Cormier conducted an investigation of the fire on Tuesday. According to Millbury Fire Chief Tom Nault, the most probable cause of the fire was some type of electrical problem. Nault also said that some cleaning fluids in the house (floor de-greasers and detergents) added to the spread of the fire. "Phil Day and Jack Donnelly both told me when they got there that it was a very, very interesting fire," Nault said. "There was a blue flame and real toxic smoke. You don't know what you're going to run into in any of these places anymore, from swimming pool chemicals to people running businesses out of their cellars."

The fire was reported by a Sutton firefighter traveling on Wheelock Avenue who looked across the pond and spotted what he thought was a bonfire. After closer investigation he drove to Engine Company 5 on Millbury Avenue. As luck would have it, the men from Company 5 were having training that night and responded immediately.

The fire provided a baptism of sorts for the town's new tanker. "The hydrant that was just down from that house is on the end of an old 4" main," Nault explained. "They wouldn't even put that kind of water main in now. We've always had water problems down there. People think in terms of the tanker being just for West Millbury, but that's not true at all."

Some 35 firefighters from all engine companies responded to the fire, including Engineers Joe Kosiba, Phil Day and John Donnelly. Nault had high praise for the men. "The guys did one helluva job," he said. "It was a fire that obviously had burnt for some time. It had vented itself, burnt thought the side of the house and up through the roof. Basically, damage was limited to one side of the house. The guys did a fantastic job. There was a combination of good teamwork, good ventilation practices, and good hose placement. It's really a case where training has really paid off."

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Editorial

The tone of Rep. Kollios' letter in today's edition is so vitriolic that we feel it is appropriate to enlighten him on two points. 1) For future reference, "Yellow Journalism" is the use of cheaply sensational methods to attract or influence readers. "Responsible Journalism," is the use of media to insure that opposing opinions are given equal opportunity for expression. 2) The long history of journalism - from the courageous Ricardian Poetry of the Middle Ages, through the political pamphlets of the Renaissance, to present day constitutional guarantees of the First and 14th Amendments - is predicated on the principle that the public has a right to ask their representatives to account for their actions or lack of actions.

A 1964 Supreme Court decision was considered "against the background of a profound national commitment to the principle that debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust and wide open, and that it may well include vehement, caustic and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials."

The Chronicle recently allowed Kollios to include, in full, his interpretation of the fiscal debacle which has occurred, we might add, during his "watch" and which continues at this moment. The Chronicle also allowed columnist Lawrence Moore to express his opinions of Kollios' discourse and to pose valid and intelligent questions about Kollios' performance.

The very foundation of democracy is an informed electorate. One cannot consider himself informed if one is allowed to hear only Kollios' side. The Chronicle pledges, despite verbal threats of a lawsuit by Kollios, to continue to present both sides of all major issues so that our readers can arrive at sound, informed conclusions. If allowing both sides of the issue to have their say was "yellow journalism" as Kollios charges, then we proudly plead guilty.

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To the Editor:

Yellow journalism is alive and well, practiced right here in Millbury by columnist Larry Moore of the **Millbury-Sutton Chronicle**.

Recently, I offered in this and other newspapers an overview of the development of state government over the past decade. I have been asked over and over to explain how the state got into its present position. My essay included both my own analysis, and that of a respected and knowledgeable fiscal conservative, Representative Frank Hynes of Marshfield.

Supposedly critiquing that analysis, Mr. Moore used his January 25, 1990 column to denigrate the content of my article and me personally with an assortment of distortions, errors, half-truths, and unsupported accusations. Consider the following:

In his slanderous and irresponsible style, Mr. Moore implied that I am involved in patronage and nepotism. No names. No facts. No research. Just innuendo. This past fall, the Worcester Telegram published the results of an in-depth investigation (take a lesson Mr. Moore) to identify legislators and county officials in the Worcester region who have family members or relatives in any level of government. I wonder if Mr. Moore noticed that I was not listed.

In fact, I have been a strong proponent of tightening the rules which prevent nepotism and patronage. For the past few years, I've been the lead sponsor of legislation requiring that notice of all state jobs be publicly posted in all state employment offices. I've voted to reform the system for assigning summer jobs by replacing that patronage-riddled hiring process with a lottery mechanism. And this year, I have filed legislation to broaden the scope of the nepotism law, which presently prohibits the use of influence on behalf of primary family members (mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter). My bill would extend that prohibition to include uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces.

Mr. Moore implied that I am not adequately supportive of development in the Blackstone Valley. Perhaps he is unaware that I am a main proponent of the Massachusetts Turnpike interchange project on Route 146 - - which all local Chambers of Commerce agree would enhance the economic vitality of the Valley. Perhaps he is also unaware of my leading role in the Legislature in pushing for restoration of rail service between Natick and Worcester.

Mr. Moore stated that I told a resident that there were no further budget cuts to be made. Again, no source. What resident? I have never said that no more cuts could be made. In fact, I have worked and continue to work to cut non-essential spending.

Mr. Moore stated that I voted for taxes before cuts were made. False! The House passed, and I supported, the budget cutting bill on November 17, 1989. We began debate on the tax bill on December 1, 1989. In fact, I was one of several Chairmen who had lobbied the Speaker to defer consideration of the tax bill until after we had acted on the cuts package.

Mr. Moore criticized my lack of support for a budget reduction proposal filed by a small group of legislators. In fact, I have met with those legislators, and have even offered some of my own budget reduction initiatives. I endorse some aspects of their proposal which seem worthy of support. Other

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Board Okays Payment to Transfer Station Contractor

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The January 30 Selectmen's meeting was called to order by Chairman Jude Cristo. Vouchers were signed and minutes for the January 23 meeting were held for review by board members.

Police Business

Following a meeting in executive session with Police Chief Ron Stokowski, the board returned to its regular agenda at 7:25.

Stokowski reported on tankers traveling through the center of town due to the load limit posting of the Rte. 146 bridge over West Main Street. He said things are moving in the right direction.

Lachance said that he has occasionally noticed two tankers at a time going through the center of town, resulting in an excess of 100 tons at a time crossing the Gowing Bridge on Elm Street. "When are we going to stop and weigh them?" he asked.

Stokowski replied that the town does not have the necessary equipment for weighing the tankers. He also said he has been in touch with the DPU and they are working to resolve the problem.

Lachance said there was no reason why the town couldn't rent portable scales.

"I'll get a price if you want," Stokowski replied.

Lachance noted that the tankers were overweight and said the town could get a lot of money in fines.

"We would look funny if after one week they (the state) then pulls the sign on the 146 bridge," Stokowski said.

"We would look funny if a disaster happened in the center of town," Lachance replied.

"There is no one that thinks more about that than I, the safety officer and everyone downstairs," Stokowski said.

Resignation

The board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Youth Commission Director Linda Johnson and send her a letter of thanks.

Hydrant

Chase reported that Fire Chief Tom Nault was requesting approval to remove a hydrant on Riverlin Street at the request of the Water Company as that hydrant has had frequent damage from accidents. Another hydrant near the intersection of Riverlin is available. The board unanimously approved Nault's request.

Letter of Endorsement

Chase said the Blackstone Chamber of Commerce and Telephone Task Force member Steve Rice of Millbury were seeking the board's endorsement for a letter to be sent to the DPU relative to upgrading and expanding the calling area for towns in the lower Blackstone Valley.

Selectman Donald Gauthier remarked that Millbury has good service now with respect to expanded toll free calling to others and was concerned that such an endorsement, as written, might have an adverse effect on Millbury.

Cristo suggested that the board defer action on the matter.

Later in the meeting, Selectman Gerry Bleau suggested that the letter be amended to be more general in wording if it is to be sent to the DPU with the board's support. The board concurred on a 5-0 vote.

Mass Electric Expansion

Chase said he wanted to advise the board that he met with Town Planner Dave Hulseberg and a representative of Massachusetts Electric who discussed proposals for an expansion of their premises on Grafton Street which would consist of additions and a couple of small buildings. Chase said it could mean a considerable increase in taxes for the town.

Cristo asked if there would be a more comprehensive proposal. "Not really," Chase replied. "They will be looking for building permits."

Cristo asked if any proposal was being presented for a smoke stack. Chase replied that there will only be an expansion of their existing facilities.

Old Business

Moving to Old Business, Gauthier read a letter from David Bassett of Jackson Lane, indicating his interest in serving on the Personnel Board. Cristo suggested that he be invited in to discuss the request with the board.

The only other matter pertaining to old business referred to Cristo commenting that Town Planner Dave Hulseberg recommends that the board consider forming a private non-profit development corporation for studying and promoting space at the Center School. Chase noted that the board already has the authority to lease or rent space at the school.

Capital Budget Committee

Gary Nelson, Chairman of the Capital Budget Committee, reported on the difficulty of reaching a quorum and asked the board to consider reducing his seven member committee.

After a few minutes of discussion on the makeup of the committee, the board voted 5-0 to reorganize the committee with four members at large and one member to be a member of the board of selectmen or their designee.

Correspondence

Gauthier reported that the Department of Personnel Administration notified the town that the Police Chief's exam scheduled for February was cancelled due to an insufficient

A letter from a Linda Joubert was read requesting posted speeds of 15 mph on Wales Street due to truck traffic that has developed with the leasing of a building on the street to a truck leasing company.

Chase said that any request for under 30 m.p.h. would require a study. It was also noted that Wales street has never been accepted by the town and remains a private street.

Richard Valentino, chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, suggested that the issue be put off until the ZBA completes a hearing on a petition by Louis Fantasia and his wife for a variance on the building in question. The board concurred.

A letter to Brad Lange, Superintendent of the Waste Water Treatment Plant from the Director of the New England Water Pollution Control Association indicated Lange will receive the Association's Operator Award for 1989.

A letter was received from Greater Media Cable indicated that the basic fee for cable will increase from $13.95 to $15.95.

Transfer Station

At 8:00 p.m. the board began a discussion of the Transfer Station. Present were representatives of SEA, members of the Transfer Station Building Committee, Building Inspector Rene Morin, Plumbing Inspector Cornelius Lucey, Town Counsel Richard Bowen, Attorney Jonathan Sauer of the bonding company, and Mulholland, the general contractor.

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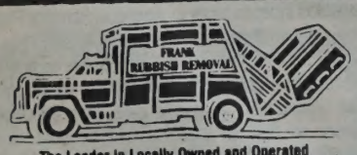

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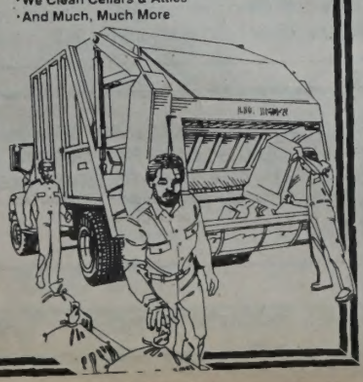

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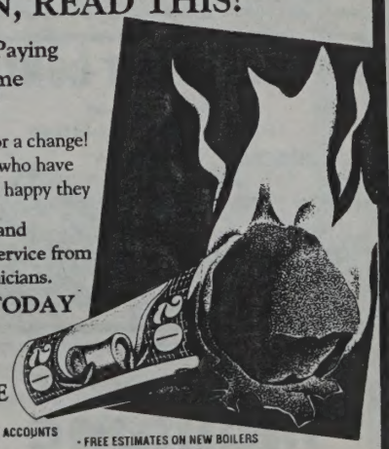

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Cristo introduced Paul Gabriel and Diane Reynolds of SEA, project engineers for the transfer station. Reynolds presented a brief update by first citing the fact that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was scheduled to visit the site to certify the building so the town can take it over. She indicated that there had been a number of problems relating to change orders, disputes over rip-rap, the clean up of adjacent land, and the overhead door painting.

According to Reynolds, $81,000 was withheld with $50,000 to be released for payment and $27,000 in credits to the town.

Building Inspector Rene Morin said that the plumbing and electrical work had not been signed off but that the building was safe as far as state codes were concerned.

Plumbing Inspector Cornelius Lucey said that no building in the state goes up without plumbing facilities. Reynolds said that, in discussions with the state examiners, there would not be a problem with having a chemical or incineration toilet.

Lucey said that the state code should be followed and suggested that SEA get a variance from the state. "I am not going to sign off without a variance," he said.

Reynolds repeated her statement that the board of examiners said it was okay to have a portable chemical toilet.

Lucey replied that this is 1990. "Get a variance," he said. "There is no water to wash up or bathroom for employees."

Paul Gabriel said that the matter was a local issue. He noted that SEA designed and built several such facilities which were passed by the local plumbing inspectors.

Lucey said he was not trying to hold anything up. "I asked for this last July."

Cristo interjected, "Let's get a letter into the state and take care of this."

Town Counsel Richard Bowen noted that the bottom line is for the town to use the building and get it in operation.

Jonathan Sauer, attorney for the bonding company, said that maximum value was achieved in completion of the building and payment of $50,000 should be paid to Mulholland. He also noted that if there are unpaid bills they would be dealt with through the bonds.

Cristo asked if there were other suppliers who were owed money. Sauer replied that there were and if they were not paid under state statute they would be covered under the contractor's general bond.

Bleau noted that the vouchers for payment by the town show a request to make out checks with two subcontractors' names and Mulholland's. "Why these two particular people?" he asked.

Sauer replied, "DeGaetano has 2/3 of the dollar value of bills and Beauregard Construction was the next largest. The others are relatively small, such as $11,000, $2900 and 5,000."

"Why the two largest?" Bleau asked.

Sauer replied that they were heard from first and were also bringing litigation.

Building Committee member George D'Auteuil said that what needs to be addressed are the toilet, work not completed and its value, the penalty clause, and whether the town is eligible for damages.

Bowen said that D'Auteuil's statement hit the nail on the head. He also cautioned that under the law the general contractor is entitled to payment once the project is substantially completed.

With regard to liquidation damages of $400 per day as spelled out in the contract, Bowen said there are a couple of things to consider.

1. The town has to show actual damages, not assumptions.
2. With respect to delays beyond contract time, the town has to show in court that it was substantially blameless. "That I have not investigated," Bowen said.

Building Committee member James Dwinell asked about credits relating to the cleanup of abutter's property and the rip-rap, which he said is not 100% to the committee's liking.

Gabriel replied that the credits amounted to $5900.

Bleau asked town counsel what could be expected assuming inspection is approved and an occupancy permit is obtained.

Bowen replied that before the town uses the building, DEP has to certify compliance. He noted that the building is substantially completed and the town could move in and go forward or wait for 99% completion, pay the contractor, have DEP approval, and then move in.

Boria asked about the warranty on the building and who would be responsible if a problem arises. Bowen replied, "If it concerns non-conformance of contract you would go to Mulholland; if it concerns design fault, you would go against SEA Engineering."

Lachance moved to pay the $50,000 as recommended by SEA. Gauthier seconded the motion.

D'Auteuil asked that the number of credits be reviewed.

Chase placed the credits totalling $26,271 on the blackboard. The credits were deducted from a balance of $87,324.73, giving a balance of $61,053.73 from which the $50,000 payment under discussion would be deducted, leaving a balance of $11,053.73.

Gabriel noted that there were three punch list items that totalled $5,100 which would leave $5953 left for cleaning up abutters' property and the rip-rap.

The board voted on Lachance's motion to pay the $50,000 conditional to DEP certification that the project is in compliance.

In a related matter, Gabriel approached the board for consideration of a request for an additional payment of $11,000 to SEA for additional work and hours relating to construction and administrative services. He said the additional hours were unanticipated due to a number of issues such as work stoppage, bed rock, leachates, and delays in power to the site.

Cristo led off some of the criticism that followed, indicating that many members of the board and the building committee were not pleased with the way SEA handled general areas of the project. He said that part of the problem was there was no resident inspector.

Jim Dwinell noted that there was no resident engineer on site when the electrician laid cables down over the metal rods in the floor and the cement was placed over them.

Gabriel replied that the engineering inspector was on the job when the most critical part of the construction occurred. "Records show the days we were out there," he said.

The board took no action on the request for the amended bill and asked Gabriel for a more detailed itemized accounting of work done under the $11,000 additional billing.

Named to Dean's List

Melissa Phelan and her sister Deirdra have been named to the Dean's List at their respective colleges for the Fall semester. Melissa is a student at Boston College and Deirdra attends Fitchburg State College.

Melissa and Deirdra are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Phelan of Laurel Drive in Millbury.

Scholarship Information Requested

MILLBURY - Organizations or individuals who wish to give scholarships independently in June should notify Raymond Gemme at the Millbury High School Guidance Office before March 2, 1990. Individuals or organizations awarding their scholarships through "Dollars For Scholars" will be contacted by that organization at a later date. This information is necessary so that all students can be notified of the scholarships available to them. If you have any questions, contact Gemme at 865-5843.

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MILLBURY - Our Lady of the Assumption Parish will host a 10-part study of the Acts of the Apostles starting the week of February 11 on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. or on Monday mornings from 9-11 a.m. If interested call Sr. Jean Richard at 865-6872 or Suzanne Heroux at 865-3637.

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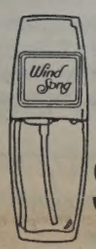

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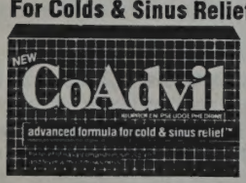

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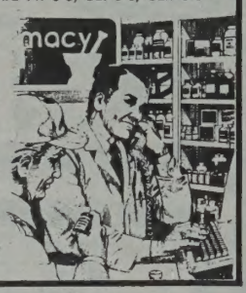

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The clinic will provide formal classroom instruction by registered referee instructors, a referee certification test, the rules of the game, and referee mechanics. The course fee is $15.00 for Sutton residents and $20.00 for non-residents.

Registration will be held on Saturday, February 10, at the Sutton Elementary School gym from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Registrations may also be picked up at the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall and mailed to Rod McLeod, Sutton Recreation Department, Sutton Town Hall, Sutton, MA 01590. For further information, call Rod McLeod at 865-1238.

Named to Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, RI - Susan Nikosey, of 7 Laurel Drive, has been named to the Fall semester Dean's List at Bryant College. She is a junior management major.

Jukebox Saturday Night

MILLBURY - On Saturday, February 10, the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W., 16 South Main Street, will relive the days of old with a "Jukebox Saturday Night" party beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $3.00. Light refreshments will be served.

Sutton Youth Baseball/ Softball Late Registration

SUTTON - The Sutton Youth Baseball/Softball League will accept late registrations until February 15. There will be a $5 late registration fee for those received after the 15th. Minor League baseball, Little League baseball, Senior League baseball, and Girls Softball will be offered.

There will be no registrations accepted after March 11. Team rosters and league schedules will be determined by those registered by March 11. All players enrolled last year are required to re-register. Refunds will be given in the event that a particular activity has insufficient enrollment. For further details, call 865-4680 or 865-5023.

School Lunch Menus

Week of February 12-16
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MONDAY: Ravioli/Meat Sauce, French Fries, Garlic Bread, Assorted Fruit
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WEDNESDAY: Deli Day (Roast Beef, Turkey, OR Pastrami), Lettuce/Tomato/Onions and OR Cheese, Assorted Breads, French Fries, Ice Cream
THURSDAY: Hot Turkey Sandwich, French Fries, Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Pudding
FRIDAY: Juice, Special Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, French Fries, Cookie

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MONDAY: Hamburger on a Roll OR Pizza, French Fries, Pears
TUESDAY: Juice, Chickenburger on a Roll, Lettuce, Hash Brown Potato, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Hot Dog on a Roll, French Fries, Corn, Ice Cream
THURSDAY: Juice, Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Brownie
FRIDAY: Juice, Special Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, French Fries, Pudding

Women's Bowling League

Pat Gaspar rolled the High Triple, a 314 with strings of 111-103-100. Second High was rolled by Ann Coons, a 293 with strings of 104-102-87. Debby Boire rolled the Third High, a 290 with strings of 98-105-87. Pat Gaspar also rolled the High Single with her 111.

Rolling "100 and over" were: Pat Gaspar, 111-103-100; Ann Coons, 104-102; Debby Boire, 105; Ann Kach, 104; Kathy Marble, 103; Alene Saxby, 103; Gail Higginbottom, 102; Becky Rushton, 102; and Bobbee Bernard, 100.

Team Standings	Won	Lost
Dynasty	32	16
Cheers	30	18
M*A*S*H	28	20
Wiiseguys	20	28
High Rollers	18	30
Different Strokes	16	32

High Average
Pat Gaspar - 104.2
Charlotte Gabree - 96.9
Becky Rushton - 96.4

High Triple
Charlotte Gabree - 355
Pat Gaspar - 342
Becky Rushton - 325

High Single
Charlotte Gabree - 143
Pat Gaspar - 135
Irma Healy - 126

Top 15 Bowlers
Pat Gaspar - 104.2
Charlotte Gabree - 96.9
Becky Rushton - 96.4
Gail Higginbottom - 96.0
Ann Coons - 94.3
Kathy Marble - 93.3
Ann Kach - 92.2
Debby Boire - 92.0
Marge McArdle - 91.8
Ellen Bouvier - 90.4

Thank You...

The tenants at Centerview wish to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the Millbury Lions Club who put on a delicious spaghetti and meatball supper for us on Tuesday, January 30th. Also for the entertainment from Butch and Maeve. It was a great evening - enjoyed by all.

Helme M. Salois
Chairman

Valentine Whist Party

MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of Raymond Memorial Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, will have a whist party in the church hall, 5 Raymond Street (East Millbury near the entrance to the Mass Pike) on Thursday, February 15, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are $2.00 and may be bought from members or at the door.

Refreshments will be served. There will also be prizes and a number of attendance gifts. Bring your friends and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship. For further information, call one of the following numbers: 757-8763, 799-2622, 755-3591.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

Millbury High School Boys' Basketball team has been on a winning streak lately. After losing their first four games this season they have been winners ever since. It has been my privilege to attend several of these games.

Winning is great, but with all respect to Mr. Lombardi, it is not the only thing. The coaches are to be commended for teaching the boys the skills necessary to be winners. It would be interesting to review the videos of those first four gams which I'm sure the coaches and teams have done. Right now it is an altogether different team. They have been taught some very wonderful strategies and plays and, most important, they have learned to play together.

One of the things that goes through my mind as I sit in the stands is to remember that all of this is part of our public educational system. Basketball was invented by the Young Men's Christian Association right here in Springfield and I'm sure that those who made up the rules had in mind many lessons in interpersonal relationships. Good sportsmanship, as it is called, has been very evident in the games that I have attended.

The five boys on the field get our attention, but I often think about those boys who also sit on the bench. Some of them seem to never get to play, especially in the tight games. They have lessons to learn as well. I know of one such boy from a former church who never got to play, but we encouraged him to stick with the team. When it came time for scholarships, he was a real winner because his perseverance was one of the characteristics for which they were looking.

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Grant Received for Purgatory Chasm Curriculum Project

UXBRIDGE - Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming has received a $2500 grant from the Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund to support the Purgatory Chasm Curriculum Project, according to Rep. Richard T. Moore, Chairman of the Board. The grant will allow Heritage Homecoming to assist the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management to revise the Earth Science Curriculum Unit, begin work on the Social Studies/Language Arts Unit, develop a strategy to introduce the materials to teachers and provide field experience.

Named to Dean's List

LEICESTER - Laurie Patterson of Sutton has been named to the Fall semester Dean's List at the Leicester Campus of Becker Junior College.

Organizational Meeting for Kollios Campaign

MILLBURY - An organizational meeting for Rep. Paul Kollios' re-election campaign was held on January 25 at the Royale Lounge in Auburn. Supporters from Millbury, Auburn and Oxford were present to finalize plans for a kick-off birthday dance on February 23 and to develop campaign strategy.

Kollios told the audience that he wants to continue to work "to provide the opportunity for all persons to prosper, raise and educate their own families and fulfill their own needs and dreams, and be in a position to help those in need."

Sonny Saad, Ron Valerio and Terry Hamilton were assigned as Town Coordinators under the leadership of District Coordinator Mary Clark, Judy Wilkinson, Paul Brosnihan, and Treasurer Frank Gagliardi.

Follow-up town and precinct meetings will be held soon. Anyone interested in helping in any way can call Sonny Saad (949-1733), Terry Hamilton (865-4723), Ron Valerio (832-8318) or Mary Clark (865-9044).

Camp Fire Annual Meeting

WORCESTER - Four individuals were newly elected to the Board of Directors of Central Mass. Council of Camp Fire Inc. recently, including Elaine Husted of Sutton. The announcement was made at the Council's annual meeting on January 26.

Following the business meeting, national awards were presented to adult members of the council in recognition of outstanding volunteer service. Local recipients included: the Wakan Award, recognizing club leaders for exceptional and imaginative services to youth for a period of several years, was awarded to Penny Nikolajevs of Millbury, and Joanne Coporale, Lillian Lefebvre, Pam Johnson, and Norma Baker, all of Sutton; the Shawnequas Award for outstanding contributions by volunteers in the area of support services to program leaders and youth, such as training or group organization, was awarded to Nancy Perry of Sutton; Sue Cobane of Sutton was one recipient of a Blue Ribbon Award given as special thanks to volunteers for giving "above and beyond the call of duty"; the Enthen Award was presented to Joyce St. Germain of Sutton in recognition of outstanding enthusiasm and energy; Deborah Secord of Sutton was one of two recipients of the Heart Award for "outstanding service exceeding the expectations of the staff role."

Democrats to Elect Representatives

MILLBURY - Registered Democrats in Millbury will hold a caucus on February 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Millbury High School Cafeteria to elect representatives to the Senate District Conference that will be held on Saturday, March 10. Millbury will elect 8 delegates and two alternates, equally divided between men and women, to send to the Senate District Conference.

This meeting is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible to register and media representatives. The only persons eligible to participate in any portion of the meeting are those who are registered Democrats on the ward or town committee (voting members at the meeting) or those registered as a Democrat as of December 31, 1989 (candidates for nomination as representatives). There will be no absentee or proxy voting.

Candidates for representative or alternate must also be present, voting and give his/her consent to be nominated, and that nomination must be seconded by two persons present at the local meeting.

All ballots will be written and public. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot will be elected. Each candidate will be allowed to make a two minute speech and to distribute on his/her behalf one sheet of paper listing qualifications and ideas.

Slate making is allowed, but no special preference will be given to slates. There is no quorum requirement for the meeting. There will be no admission or expense charge at the caucus, although donations may be solicited.

Calendar

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

MILLBURY - The Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W., 16 South Main Street, will relive the days of old with a "Jukebox Saturday Night" party beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $3.00.

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will hold its second "Sweetheart Breakfast" in the vestry of the church, Main Street at Farnsworth Court, from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

MILLBURY - District Nursing Blood Pressure Clinic at Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

MILLBURY - Assumption Parish will hold its introductory session for the Little Rock Scripture Study Program for adults from 7-9 p.m. in the church hall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of Raymond Memorial Congregational Church will hold a whist party in the church hall, 5 Raymond Street, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are $2.00.

MILLBURY - District Nursing Blood Pressure Clinic at Centerview Apartments (residents only), from 1-2 p.m.

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components appear to promise inflated savings based on questionable, if not illegal, actions. The same group of legislators offered a similar resolution in a Democratic Party Caucus. Fewer than 20 of the more than 100 members in attendance found the proposal worthy of endorsement. The bill will have its hearings and go through the legislative process. Perhaps it will even be crafted into a more practicable initiative.

It is interesting how Mr. Moore pointed out that deficits in Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island are being addressed by budget cuts, but neglected to note Rhode Island's recent tax hikes, the Hew Hampshire Legislature's current consideration of a $46 million tax package, the Governor of Vermont's call for increased taxes, and Connecticut's looming $417M deficit coming on the heels of a recent $850M tax increase. (Caucus of new England State Legislatures, Inc., January 11, 1990.) In fact, dwindling tax revenues prompted 30 states to raise taxes last year, a reality that Mr. Moore chooses to ignore.

Mr. Moore erroneously stated that I voted to extend welfare benefits to illegal aliens. In fact, the vote was on an irresponsible proposal to ban access to all state services. Does Mr. Moore suggest that the rest of us be placed at risk by denying aliens access to immunization against communicable diseases?

He mocked and distorted my position on state aid to cities and towns, instead of reporting the large amount of local aid for my district over the past nine years, and comparing that to other districts.

Mr. Moore suggested that I have tried to hide my voting record. What nonsense! My record reveals clearly and loudly my support for economic development, environmental protection, public education, law enforcement, care for the elderly, and support for the mentally and physically disabled.

I have had a sincere and honest relationship with the voters and citizens of Millbury, Oxford, and Auburn for over twenty years as a legislator, selectman, school committee member, Council on Aging member, and in other capacities. The people will always assess their officials based on that relationship and on whatever else they deem relevant.

I have done my best to work for responsible solutions to our problems. In my recently published article, I have attempted to share with my constituents information about the budget predicament, as I understand it. Mr. Moore is, of course, entitled to his opinion of my report. But in his totally negative discourse, he offers no solutions, just irresponsible journalism. And I will not allow his distortions of my record and character to go unchallenged.

Paul Kollios
State Representative

Last Call for Recall

To the Editor:

I would like to inform those citizens who are interested in the proposed Millbury Charter that they have until February 12 to voice their opinions on any aspect of it.

At the January 29 meeting of the Charter commission, it was voted 6-3 to not include a Recall provision in the proposed charter. Other votes at the meeting removed the Board of Assessors and the Town Clerk from elected to appointed positions. The remaining elected officials, the minimum required by state statute, are the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Moderator.

Now the ballot has been cut to 11 elected positions from 54. As you know, the Selectmen will make certain appointments and the proposed Town Manager will make others. He will be appointed by the Selectmen who have rejection power over his proposed appointments.

I believe that this turn of events makes recall all the more imperative. It afford the voters a direct participation in their government seeing that they will be giving up their right to vote on 43 elected positions.

Do other towns have recall in their charters? An analysis of some 54 town charters throughout the state revealed that 43 had recall provisions and 11 did not. Two town charters which did not have recall provisions when accepted were amended to include such a provision at a later date.

The right to vote in a democracy is a very basic and awesome power delegated to the people, and rightly so. If the people are taxed to support their town government, then they should have the right to control that government at all times. Recall, in my opinion, is a needed check and balance in the proposed charter which affords the voters an opportunity to make a change if they so desire, in their elected officials. Don't forget February 12, your last call for recall.

Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Member, Millbury Charter Commission

Urges Support of By-law Amendment

To the Editor:

For obvious reasons, power plants are hard to site these days. For Sutton, the installation of such a plant--or, over the years, a series of such plants in various sections--would lead to a fundamental change in the character of the town.

That fact makes the proposed bylaw amendment significant and sensible. It would give the voters of the town the direct right to decide whether to open the community to such radical change. No longer would that power rest in town administrative boards or officials through their "special permit" process.

This change would be no reflection on present or future Zoning Boards. It would simply recognize that some installations are such threats to existing ways of town life that all the voters should have the right to decide their fate. In

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Board Holds Public Hearing on Safety Committee's Recommendations

By Lawrence Moore

SUTTON - With all members present, the January 30th meeting of the Sutton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Richard LaBonte.

Administrator's Update

Town Administrator Dexter Blois gave an update on Lot 3 of Skyeline drive where a house has been completed but not sold. He said the lot release was rescinded because of non-compliance with subdivision rules and regulations. There still remains about $15,000 of work to be done to bring the subdivision into compliance with rules and regulations.

On November 15 the Planning Board called the bond, allowing time for completion of the work. The work has not been completed, and the bond has not been received from the bank. An agreement to effect the conclusion of the problem by January 31, as of this date, has not been fulfilled. In spite of many calls and letters to the subdivision's counsel, Blois said there is no indication of what is going to happen.

Since the work which needs to be completed cannot be performed until Spring, Blois suggested that the board "sit tight" for a while to see what will happen.

Highway Surveyor Ray Smith reassured the board that in spite of the heavy rain of the previous days, the detention pond at the Skyeline Drive site seems to be functioning properly. Only a small amount of water remained in the pond; the rest having been expelled as planned.

As far as the required fencing around the detention pond, Blois said the town has no liability because it has not accepted the subdivision.

Arts Lottery Vacancy

On a motion by Connor, Rebecca Rider was unanimously appointed to fill a vacancy on the Lottery Arts Commission.

Common Victualer's License

At a Board of Health inspection, it was discovered that food packages, candy bars, microwave popcorn and other miscellaneous packages were being sold in the Sutton Video store at Sutton Square Plaza. On the recommendation of the Board of Health, the licensee, Barbara Hopper, applied for a Common Victualer's License. The board voted unanimously to grant the license.

Connor questioned the absence of a drop slot which had caused penalties for non-return of tapes. Bruce Hopper, husband of the applicant, replied that the owners of the building had refused them permission to make any structural changes in the building. He acknowledged that a drop slot in their other store was proving to be practical and helpful to customers.

"Well, maybe I should write them," Connor said. "Perhaps there will be a groundswell of public opinion that would cause the owners to change their mind."

Traffic Safety Committee

A public hearing was held on the Traffic Safety Committee's recommendations to make Bashaw Road one-way from West to East, to implement that decision from Stone School Road immediately and await input from residents before proceeding further. The committee also suggested that a stop sign be installed on Hartness Road at Dodge Hill Road.

The committee consisted of Town Engineer Richard Wharton, Chairman; Police Chief Alfred Shaw; Fire Chief John Peterson; and Highway Surveyor Raymond Smith.

The board received letters from Mr. and Mrs Paul DeVincent, Gayle Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawlor, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith along with a survey of eight residents on Bashaw Road.

The survey showed that none of the residents wanted to change Bashaw Road to one way as proposed, three residents wanted to see Bashaw Road left as is, and four residents wanted to convert Bashaw Road into a cul-de-sac or a dead end road.

General discussion began with Bashaw Road. Wharton explained the reasoning that led the committee to make its proposal of one way West to East, the most important being that visibility at Stone School Road was better going down than coming up.

Resident Paul Millett brought up the problem of getting to his home at the intersection of Dodge Hill and Bashaw Roads in the winter, and advised the Board that the problem of getting up Dodge Hill Road in inclement weather was equal to or worse than the problems of Bashaw Road.

Selectman Carl Licopoli read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. DeVincent in which they stated, "We feel the only safe solution is to make Bashaw Road one way from Boston Road to Dodge Hill Road."

Millett suggested that the road might be made one way but that, in order to do so, it would have to be widened and a substantial number of trees would have to be cut down.

LaBonte asked Highway Surveyor Ray Smith for his input. "There are some trees that should be cut," Smith said, "and in spite of the fact that the road is 14 feet wide, the banks are very high and visibility is impaired by the trees."

Mary K. Connor questioned the possibility of installing a four-way stop at the intersection. Wharton replied that four way stops in practice had proved to be a problem and did not accomplish what they were supposed to do. "They seem to give motorists a sense of security that doesn't exist," Wharton said.

Smith reiterated that the recommendation was to limit the one way section of Bashaw Road from Stone School Road to Boston Road.

Selectman Wallace Johnson then remarked, "What we're trying to do is to make this a safer road until such time as we can do some necessary repairs and the necessary widening, because this is just one road of many we have in town with the same problem."

Nancy Lawlor commented on the alternatives that would be necessary if Bashaw were to become one way down and said that the turn off Dodge Hill Road into Bashaw Road is an almost 145 degree turn, which in winter is very perilous.

"I have lived on Bashaw Road for 20 years," said Arthur Courtman, "and have seen only two minor mishaps." He felt the residents, who were familiar with the street, drove it carefully and any problems that arose were the result of excessive speed by transients.

Connor said that some years ago the planning board did a survey of this area and the installation of stop signs was the result of a professional recommendation.

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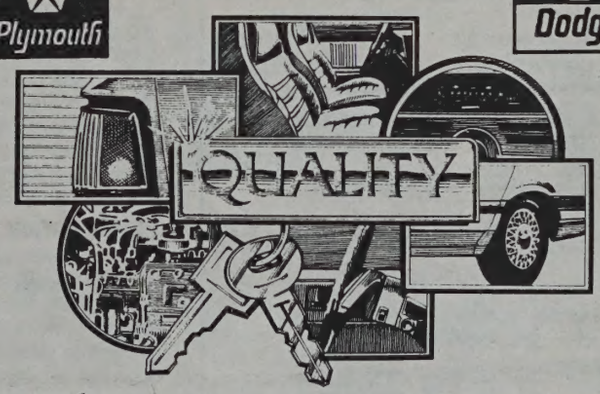

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"The committee recognizes that the people who live there know the road," Wharton said, "like anyone driving any road knows it fairly well and can drive it very safely even though there are some dangerous curves and they can't see. The most important consideration that we can look at is protecting the residents in the area if they are walking along there, or if they have children or a dog. If it's one way, people are a little more concerned and try watching for 'that' car."

In reply to a request from Robert Plotczyk for consideration of a dead end at Dodge Hill, Blois replied that the amount of turnaround required at a dead end or cul-de-sac for a school bus was not available at the intersection of Dodge Hill and Bashaw. He said it also might necessitate children walking up or down from Stone School Road. Both Courtman and Plotczyk responded that until recently the school bus did not go up or down Bashaw Road and there had been no problem with the children walking those few hundred feet.

Johnson then asked, "Why not do the lower section for a starter?"

Gayle Hickey asked, "Would that include the stop sign at the bottom of Bashaw Road?"

"Absolutely," Johnson replied.

Resident Peter Joseph registered his objection to the one way proposal, citing the difficulties that arose because of the nature of the grades and the condition of the roads in the entire area.

Hickey then offered the following comment, "The old residents had received assurances that they would not be inconvenienced by new development. If you restrict the direction of traffic on Bashaw Road you will be inconveniencing the old residents."

Nancy Lawlor added her concern about the dangerous curves on the road and the inconvenience that residents would be put through if Bashaw Road was made one way in either direction. Arthur Courtman commented, "Ninety per cent of the people take their time on these roads and our attempt to make a change is based on the theory that an accident is about to happen." He questioned whether people in the area should be inconvenienced in view of the low incidence of accidents.

Connor responded that it was necessary for the selectmen to react to a safety issue in view of the heightened traffic in the area. "Probably some time in the near future this room will be packed with people asking why we didn't do something about the safety problem," she said.

The discussion shifted to the stop sign on Hartness Road. Resident Linda Osterman mentioned that Hartness was a main road and should not have a stop sign on it.

Pauline Flaherty said there is a problem coming up to Dodge Hill Road. "You wouldn't believe how fast people drive on that section," she said.

Selectman Mike Chizy then commented, "The safety committee of professionals should be listened to. As was said earlier, no decision made is set in stone."

It was decided to send the review back to the Committee and ask them to reconsider their recommendation in view of the comments.

Public Forum

Town Engineer Richard Wharton expressed concern that residents might have gotten the wrong impression from a news article that appeared in January 10th **Evening Gazette** in which it was stated, "The Selectmen requested that Wharton get his Massachusetts registration after they discovered he was sending all documents requiring a professional engineer's stamp to an outside engineering firm hired to help him."

The facts are that Wharton's application for transfer of his Pennsylvania Professional Engineer's license to Massachusetts had been in the works almost from the time he came to work in Sutton. He also presented statistics to show that engineering fees for the first six months of the year amounted to only $3,640, 7.60% of his contract budget, and only 3.96% of his total budget. He explained that only reviews and inspections which could be done more efficiently and less expensively by an outside firm were sent out, and that procedure would continue whether or not he had his professional engineer's registration in Massachusetts.

Vacancy on ZBA

A fourth individual interested in serving as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Paul Hamm, was present at the meeting. Hamm explained that he has been active in town service for many years, most recently on the Cable TV Committee.

LaBonte asked if he had any particular "philosophy." Hamm's reply was that he had none but would try to assess each item individually.

Connor asked if there was any particular issue on which he felt very strongly. Hamm reiterated that he felt neutral and would judge each project on its own. "It is important that the ZBA be aware of abutter's rights," Hamm said.

Connor asked if he was under any kind of time pressure. Hamm replied that he wanted to be an alternate to gain knowledge of the work of the ZBA and would hope some day to be appointed a regular member. He said he had no problem with time demands.

Johnson then nominated Hamm and Chizy seconded the nomination.

Before a vote could be taken, Licopoli commented that there were several candidates with good qualifications. "With no aspersions on the ability of Mr. Hamm," Licopoli said, "my investigation of one of last week's candidates, Mr. Don Allison, convinced me of Mr. Allison's worth." Licopoli then nominated Allison, seconded by Connor.

At this point Connor commented, "The power plant is a hot issue. Paul (Hamm) has been active in distributing material at the landfill."

Hamm replied, "I am going into the power plant meeting to seek information. I think it is a project that merits the attention of all members of town. I have no specific position."

Several members of the board made it clear that at this time the board is absolutely neutral about the power plant proposal.

LaBonte then suggested that the decision on the ZBA vacancy be held. Johnson asked that the vote be taken tonight. "If the other people were interested, they'd be here," he said. He also in formed his colleagues that he would be absent for the next meeting.

A vote was taken on both candidates with the chair abstaining on both votes, resulting in no decision. A decision on the vacancy will be made at a future meeting.

Earth Removal

Chizy brought up a matter relating to an earth removal permit request from the Ryan Farm on Oakhurst Road. The request was made by Worcester Sand and Gravel on behalf of the Ryan family. The request is to level the east side of the road to conform with the west side. The west side has been mined almost 60 feet below the level of the road. If the east side is mined in a similar way, it will be necessary to lower the road.

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today's environment, it is entirely reasonable for the people to reserve such power to themselves.

Clearly, the bylaw amendment should be approved.

Robert C. Achorn
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Responds to Per Pupil Cost Figures

To the Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to figures published in the February 1 issue of the Millbury -Sutton Chronicle [Selectmen's Meeting Digest] relative to per pupil costs of education in Millbury versus several other selected communities. Figures can be misleading and deserve amplification and clarification to put them in proper perspective.

The examples cited by the Millbury Board of Selectmen, as represented in the **Chronicle** article of February 1, serve as a case in point. Holden, one of the communities compared to Millbury, was appropriately cited as having a per pupil cost of $3608 versus Millbury's per pupil cost of $4011. The figures, however, in the case of Holden represent costs of operating a K-8 school system as opposed to a K-12 school system in Millbury. Holden, a member of a regional school district, actually expends considerably more on students at its high school than does Millbury. Per pupil costs at Wachusett Regional High School for the town of Holden are $4609 versus $4,011 for students at Millbury High School. This comparison becomes meaningful only when one makes clear what those figures represent.

Auburn, a town like Millbury, operating a K-12 school system, has a per pupil cost of $4,269, about $250 more than Millbury. Comparisons are hardly useful, however, if some districts vis a vis others do not offer certain programs. Comparisons suffer further if grade structures of school districts being compared are not the same (e.g. Holden vs. Millbury) or if programs are vastly different. Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical High School, which serves Millbury students, has a per pupil cost of $4,573 for Millbury taxpayers, significantly more than per pupil costs associated with the operation of Millbury High School. These figures, however, are meaningful only when one assesses the costs associated with the very different programs represented in each school.

Systems heavily impacted by disadvantaged or handicapped youngsters are not often comparable to other districts less so impacted. Differences between school districts (and their expenditures associated with these differences) can be distinguished in countless ways. Per pupil expenditure figures are limited in their significance depending upon how these differences are recognized and acknowledged.

I am hopeful that this explanation might serve to further clarify the figures on per pupil costs cited in the February 1 **Chronicle**.

Thomas V. Murray
President
Millbury Teachers Association

Another Point of View

Stand Up and Be Counted

By Lawrence Moore

On January 25th, local Representatives Dick Moore, John Binienda, George Bourque and twelve others unveiled "An Act Establishing the Massachusetts Budget Economy and Efficiency Act of 1990." As of noon on Friday, February 2, 22 representatives had signed as co-sponsors, including Jack Driscoll and Peter Blute; Paul Kollios had not.

Unless you read or heard something I didn't, the only reaction reported in the mass media was the comment of Ways and Means Chairman Richard Voke that, "There were so many large holes in this pie that it's clearly not worth very much at all."

The cornerstone of the Moore, Binienda, Bourque Act is the bonding of $390 million to be repaid over five years, by dedicating .02% (two one hundredths of one percent) of current sales tax receipts to improve marketability. This dedication of revenue, plus passage of a bill to resolve the fiscal year '90 deficit will improve the State's credit rating. The program will cost $86 million a year for five years, but it will reduce the current deficit by $390 million. This program Chairman Voke branded "pie in the sky."

A day or two later, Chairman Voke aired a proposal to delay the $1.2 billion payment of the June 30th Local Aid until July 1st. This year's deficit evaporates, but we start the next year with $1.2 billion to be made up. If we have been unable to find $500 million this year, where are we going to find $1.2 billion next year? To criticize a reasonable program that will require only $86 million to be made up next year, and, with a perfectly straight face, advocate a program that will necessitate finding $1.2 billion next year, seems an outright insult to any thinking voter.

While Chairman Voke's denunciation of the Moore, Binienda, Bourque Act and his counter-proposal got all the attention, nowhere did I find the explanation of the "Economy and Efficiency Act." I doubt if one person in 100,000 has any idea of its content. It remains for those who are interested to dig out the facts themselves. I'm presuming that you care about the deficit and about taxes, and that you want to know. So, I'll attempt, as briefly as I can, to summarize the most important elements of the act. Read it, and judge for yourself.

In addition to a plan to reduce the $500 million deficit in this year's budget, the Act also proposes savings and economic incentives to counter some of the governor's proposed cuts in what he himself defined as a "shameful budget proposal for fiscal year '91."

I'm going to list for you only a portion of the savings in the act of $1M or more:

- Restoration of the reduction vetoed by the Governor in previous acts...$13M
- Reduction of public information offices and Legislative liaisons...$1M
- Additional reduction of 1,000 employees as of June 30, 1990...$15M
- Repeal the forgiveness of the Massport loan and repay it.
- Repeal forgiveness of the loan to the Mass Technology Development Council...$1M
- Eliminate New Braintree...$2M
- Require the Turnpike Authority to pay for DPW snow and ice removal...$20M
- Open non-essential State offices 4 days a week to save energy...$3M
- Lower the sales tax on new automobiles to 3% for the balance of this year to project an additional sales tax revenue of $5M.
- Restore the tax amnesty program, which was successful in the past, to raise an additional $4M.
- Some relatively smaller items make up a difference of the projected savings of $110M

FISCAL '91 SAVINGS

Merger

- Merge: Legislative Service Bureau and Legislative Research Bureau., several joint committees into the Joint Rules Committee, the MDC and DEM, the Office of Children into the Department of Social Services.

Reductions

- Reduce Court Officers from 92 to 46.
- Reduce total Executive Branch employment 6,000 by June 30.
- Reduce borrowing cap from $925M to $900M.
- Prohibit welfare benefits for illegal aliens.
- Provide 6 month residency requirement for welfare benefits.
- Postpone universal health care for one year.
- Resolve fiscal year '90 deficit problems and then refinance long term debt.
- Abolish the Government Policy Offices of Human Resources, Economic Development, Education Affairs and Constituent Service.

Education System Savings

- Require undergraduate Mass residents at public college to pay 1/3 of the cost of education.
- Require graduate students to pay full cost.
- Study to eliminate free tuition at public colleges and universities for state employees and their dependents.

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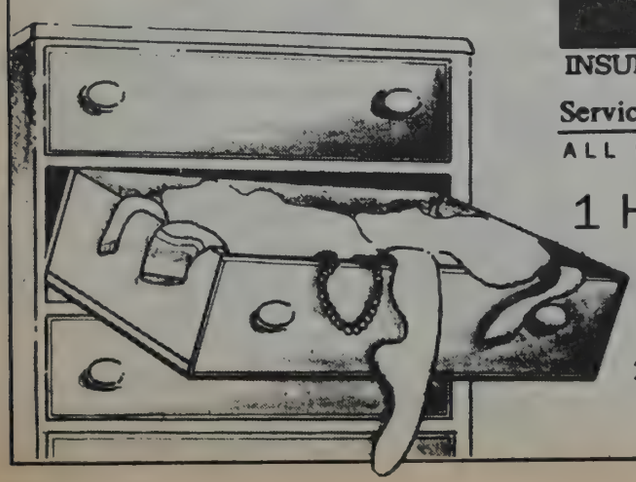

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By Rosemary Waltos

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Since the 1700's, magazines have proliferated. According to the **GALE DIRECTORY OF PUBLICATIONS**, in 1989 there were 24,099 newspapers and periodicals published in the United States and Canada in 1989. As a result of this proliferation, mo matter what your field, interest or hobby, you can bet there's a magazine, newsletter or newspaper devoted to it.

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Every May we survey the use of our magazines. Our measurement of use is the annual circulation of each individual subscription. With this information we determine which titles will be renewed or replaced. This year we picked up four new subscriptions:

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- Allow School Committees direct access to Division of Local Mandates to determinate the impact of the mandates.
- Direct the Board of Regents to 1. study the impact of a sliding scale for tuition, based on family income; 2. centralize all college trust funds within the board of regents; 3. develop a plan for merger of some State and Community colleges.

Incentives

- Develop early retirement plan to encourage reduction of additional 3,000 to 4,000 in the workforce.
- Establish a Commonwealth Improvement Fund for voluntary contributions to help maintain or improve important non-vital public services.
- Re-authorize the investment tax credit.

Fiscal Administration Initiatives

- Establish an independent office of the Controller and strengthen the independence of the Controller.
- Place State "Authorities" under the jurisdiction of the State Purchasing Agent.
- Restrict filling of positions in subsidiary accounts, and restrict the hiring of consultants.
- Freeze new hiring and transfers.
- Establish Blue Ribbon Commission to study Medicaid reorganization.
- Require the Commissioner of Administration and Finance to report on budget reductions, fiscal year '90 deficit reduction, fiscal year '90 and '91 revenue projections and analysis of allocation of gas tax and registry fee receipts.
- Establish a Special Commission on the economy and efficiency of State Government
- Establish procedure for maximizing benefits of surplus property.
- Require the roll back in hiring at State "Authorities" to January 1, 1989 levels.
- Require cities and towns receive no less than 31% of lottery ticket sales.
- Require the State auditor conduct an audit on the Commonwealth's indebtedness.
- Direct Inspector General to review projects to ascertain whether funding is available and, if not, to suspend activity.
- Direct Convention Center Authority to develop a plan to privatize the operation on the Hynes Civic Center.
- Provide that no new State Authority, Special Districts, Commissions or other public instrumentalities be established.
- Prohibit cap on lottery distributions to cities and towns to allow full distribution of lottery receipts as local aid.

Revolving Door

- Provide no member of the General Court be eligible for an appointment as an employee of the General Court of either House of Senate, until at least one year after leaving office as a Legislator.

Obviously this is a massive program undertaken by a dedicated group of legislators. As the bill goes though the Legislative process, there will be additions, deletions and changes. Even though you may not agree with every proposal made, certainly the effort that went into the production of this act cannot in any way be called "pie in the sky." It is a lengthy document, in contrast to the "pie in the sky" offered by the Chief Baker, Chairman Voke. He has developed a skill at presenting ridiculous ideas with great authority, pronouncements that more often than not have little basis in fact and little chance to stand up under detailed scrutiny.

It becomes our responsibility, yes, even our duty, to write and call in support of representatives who have sponsored this effort. It is time to find out where your Representative stands, and whether he is willing to be counted. Most importantly, find out whether your Representative is interested in what is good for you and the State, or whether he is more concerned with his own re-election.

A Long Tradition of Caring

MILLBURY - February 18th through the 24th is Massachusetts Visiting Nurse Association Week, and the District Nursing Society Inc. enters the 1990's with a long tradition of caring and a strong vision for the future.

The District Nursing Society, Inc. has been providing services to the residents of Millbury, Sutton and surrounding towns for over 75 years. Committed to continuing this tradition into the 90's, the agency serves all ages -- not just the elderly but babies, children, teens, young adults and up. VNA's comprehensive services include nursing, physical and occupational therapy, speech, medical social work and more. Maternal/child health care is provided by a nurse trained in newborn care and child development. Historically, VNA's have always been responsible for coordinating all care necessary via the nurse Case Manager. All services are arranged by this one individual, eliminating the need for lots of people handling lots of different details.

The new decade presents challenges for the District Nursing Society, Inc. With the increased cost of providing health care, insurance cutbacks, and more elderly ranks in the population, the coming years also bring a renewed commitment to total patient care. Call 865-4373 or 865-3561 for more information.

SUTTON SENIOR NEWS

WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

MONDAY: all day doctor appointments (van), crafts 1-3.
TUESDAY: Pokeno at 10:00 a.m., lunch at noon, Friends Meeting at 12:45, Pitch at 1 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: exercise at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, PM doctor appointments (va); February 14, 12:30, Aili Paal Singer - Valentine.
THURSDAY: grocery shopping for all (van), Pitch at 1:00 p.m.
Orchard Apartments - health checks from 8-9:30 a.m. Info/Ref. 10-11:30 a.m.
FRIDAY: lunch at noon, blood pressures taken in the library from 12:30-1 p.m. Tax assistance will begin on February 9 from 1-3 p.m. Reservations are required. Call the C.O.A. office.
TRIPS: there is still plenty of room on the Williamsburg, Virginia trip from April 28-May 2. Call 865-9798 for information. Centrum Flower Show, Thursday, February 22, $6.00 per person. Leave from Sutton center. Openings available. Enjoy a touch of early Spring!

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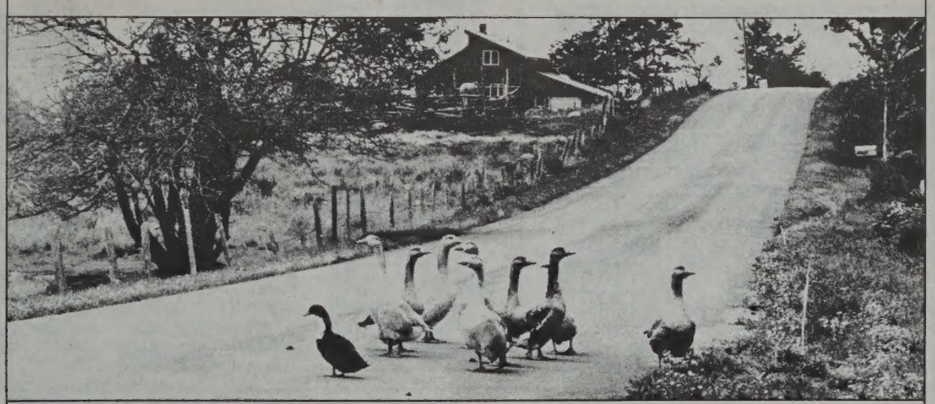

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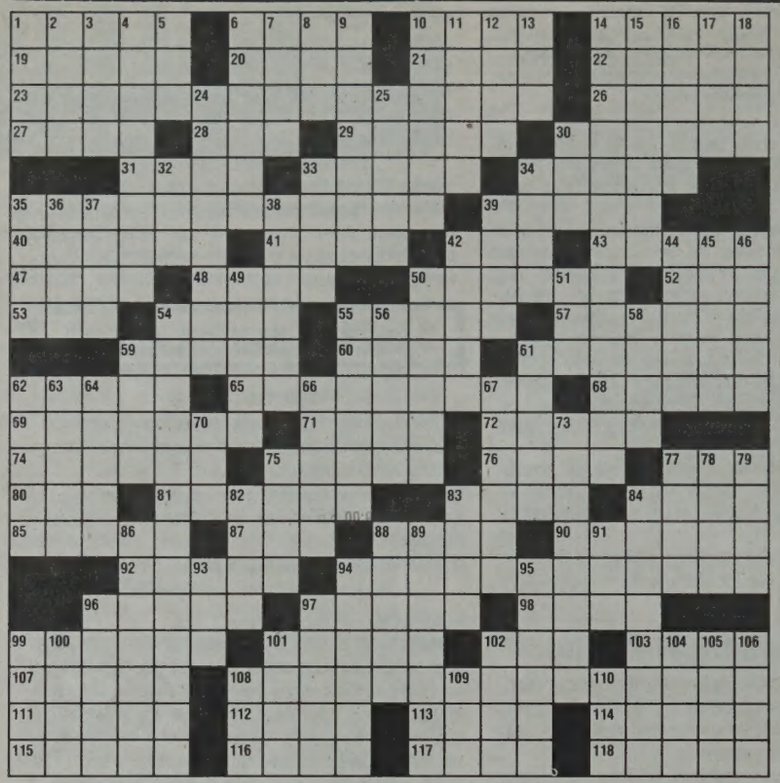

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By Olive Dunn

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1 Actor George C.
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14 Eastern country
19 Buckwheat
20 Pilaster
21 Spray
22 Consolidate
23 Elated
26 Aromatic herbs
27 Niggardly
28 God of the underworld
29 Jimmy
30 Predominant
31 Yemen's capital
33 Temptress
34 "Wanted" poster word
35 Elated
39 Food fish
40 Indoctrinate
41 Clamp
42 Child's game
43 Access
47 Contended
48 Assist
50 Climax
52 — pig's eye!
53 Sprite
54 Road to Roma
55 Derides
57 Fan
59 Without interruption
60 Leftovers
61 Pilchard
62 Visual aid
65 Elated
68 Kids
69 English explorer
71 Network
72 Liliaceous plants
74 — bragh
75 Hullabaloo
76 Wow the audience
77 Greet wordlessly
80 Pass the hat
81 Annoy
83 Surface protection
84 Dingy place
85 Sea flyers
87 Dander
88 — off (kill time)
90 Runs off
92 Foam
94 Elated
96 — facias
97 Underground dwellers
98 Tolerably
99 Feeble person
101 Man from Malaga
102 Chem. unit
103 Wrinkle
107 Giraffe's cousin
108 Elated
111 Aspect
112 "The — of the crowd"
113 Appear
114 Outcome
115 Fish traps
116 Piercing tools
117 Author Ferber
118 Victims

DOWN

1 Thumb through
2 Third leg
3 Bones
4 Mailer's "— and the Dead"
5 Shin's follower
6 Dwindling
7 Colony group
8 Utmost degree
9 Showy flowers
10 Youngster
11 Assembly of witches
12 Employer
13 Confine
14 Elated
15 Vitalize
16 Evergreens, in Spain
17 ABA members
18 Stack
24 Toothless
25 Eldritch
30 Eskimo knife
32 Uproar
33 Fit of pique
34 Jason's ship
35 Braided
36 Seed covering
37 Gladly
38 Exaggerate
39 Breaches
42 Unfinished sculpture
44 Small monkeys
45 Concerning
46 Biblical weeds
49 Court
50 Tie up
51 Monk's title
54 Elated
55 Wild cards
56 Muse of poetry
58 Keats' output
59 Accessible
61 Temporary condition
62 Diving bird
63 Less frequent
64 Straighten
66 Earthen pot
67 Become rigid
70 Tibetan gazelle
73 Playful
75 Travel money
77 Basketry palm
78 Above
79 News office unit
82 Icy coating
83 Dandies
84 Plaintive, in music
86 Fugitive
88 Lively dance
89 Industrious
91 — Cruces
93 Forage bean
94 Bridge holding
95 Respiratory problem
96 Heap
97 Refined ore
99 Take off
100 All right
101 "Let it —..."
102 Solar deity
104 Major or Minor
105 Excess
106 Hoosier humorist and family
108 — pro nobis
109 Nourished
110 Peruke

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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In accordance with Article 1, Section 14.11, the Millbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 12, 1990 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury for the purpose of reviewing a multi-family special permit for George McInerny, 96-98 West Main Street, Millbury.

The proponent wishes to change the existing two-family dwelling and create a third dwelling unit. Anyone wishing to be heard on this application should appear at the time and place designated above.

Anna Lewandowski
Chairwoman

Millbury Planning Board
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MILLBURY FEDERATED CHURCH - United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church - Rev. Charles Mansfield, Interim Pastor - Sundays: 10:00 a.m., Worship and Childcare; 10:15 a.m., Church School; 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

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THE VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH, meeting in the Raymond Memorial Church, Raymond Street, East Millbury: Pastor, Rev. Bruce Buchanan; Sunday Services at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

SUTTON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: Rev. Andrew J. Bierkan, Pastor - SUNDAYS: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Church School in the Meetinghouse. Crib Room Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1-8 at 10:00 a.m.; Jr. P.F. twice a month; Sr. P.F. 7-9 p.m. PROGRAMS: Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; 2nd Thursday, Women's Fellowship of Sutton luncheon/program/meeting at noon. MONTHLY PUBLIC SUPPERS, 1st Saturdays, 5-7 p.m. MONTHLY PUBLIC LUNCHEONS: 3rd Wednesdays - noon to 1:00 p.m. April-Nov. Church School stops after June 10, Children's Day.

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Because any decision on the road is the responsibility of the selectmen, Chizy asked Blois to keep abreast of the situation and to keep them informed on the progress of the application.

Job Evaluation

It was suggested by Chizy that evaluations for the Town Administrator be turned in to the Chair so that they can be tabulated.

Licopoli reacted by stating, "I don't like the form. I will not give you a rating on some of these items but I will express my opinion, and I think it important that we consider a change in the form for future evaluations."

Johnson said he evaluates Blois every day and would have no hesitancy in telling him how he feels.

Chizy too said, "He (Blois) knows how I feel about him right now. If there are any surprises, I'll be surprised."

Licopoli formally requested that a committee of two reevaluate and consider a change in the evaluation form.

It was decided that missing evaluations would be given to the chairman by Friday, February 2 and a compilation and review would be taken up again at a future meeting.

State Road Complaints

LaBonte asked the board to send a letter of complaint to the DPW commissioners regarding sections of some roads in town that are dangerous because of poor drainage and deteriorated surfaces. The locations are Putnam Hill Road from Lackey Road to Tucker Lake and from the High School to Ray Lane, and Singletary Avenue from Tuttle Road to the Millbury line.

Don Conlon questioned why the traffic signaling at the intersection of Boston Road and Route 146 had not been improved. He commented that in his occupation as truck driver he had seen traffic at South Street on Route 9 improve because of the installation of a flashing red light.

LaBonte said this request had been made to the State several times. He also said that a committee of DPW and State Police officials recently viewing the intersection had witnessed an accident. The officials agreed that some improvement was needed but mentioned that while the Sutton problem was a priority, there were other items on the priority list ahead of Sutton.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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higher tax rate. If you want lower tax rates, look at Millbury and compare their community with ours."

Cann added, "In spite of Millbury's industrialization, they too are in a budget crisis this year."

Resident Ann Achorn then commented, "Even though our town is in a financial bind, has enacted an override and could use commercial development, we need to be careful, to control development on 146. This plant is not a prudent response to our needs. I don't want to see it built there." Her comment generated the first applause of the evening.

Richard Wilkie said the group should focus on three issues: water quality changes, oil storage and transport, and noise levels. "These turbines are like a jet warming up at the airport," he said.

"Water concerns are legitimate," Jack Connor said, "but the main reason we're here is expansion of the tax base. As the Sutton representative of the Blackstone Valley Development Commission I have been trying to work on the potential 10% to 15% increase of the tax base that will result from commercial development on [Rte.] 146. I too am a neighbor," Connor continued, "and I have just as much at stake as any of you. But I believe this project will have a benign impact. I have visited Medway, which has four such units, with houses a ball's throw from the four plants. Walpole turned down a plant, and Medway asked for it to be put in their town. I think the town should check out the proposal carefully and be fair in its judgement. We should be careful of barring specific industries lest the town get the reputation of being hard to deal with."

When asked about a second unit, Connor replied that even though the site might support two, "they (Makowski) have never wavered from their plan to install one unit originally."

Resident Jane Murdock said she has lived in her home for 30 years. "I have visions that it will be worth nothing because there will be no water in my well. Can we get them to guarantee to pipe water in if our wells dry up?" she asked.

Cann then projected proposed by-law revisions that will be brought before the May 8 Town Meeting. The first would prohibit the construction or operation or a power plant in Sutton. The second by-law revision would prohibit the construction of any electrical generating facility or co-generation facility in town.

"The reason we want the [power plant] issue to be settled on the town floor," Bob Austin explained, "is that the water issue will be settled in Boston and the permitting process will be settled by the ZBA. Do we want that, or do we want to delete power plants?"

Bill Husted asked if the revisions would reject power plants out of hand, any time, in any situation.

"We can change the bylaw as needed in the future," Cann replied.

A comment by George Lamothe that the developers were planning to make the power plant "look more like a farm" evoked laughter from the audience. He said that the developers were disappointed that so much antagonism had grown up before they had a chance to present any information. "We need to hear the other side," Lamothe said.

Ken Piel warned the gathering about the creeping decline of Sutton's rural character. "Once it's gone we'll never get it back," he said. "Step by step, parcel by parcel, Sutton will change. This change allows us the opportunity to call a halt now to the present project but leaves open the chance to change as conditions change."

One last questioner asked if there was any possibility of a permit being issued prior to the town meeting. Mary K. Connor, a member of the Board of Selectmen, replied, "Only if they have a building permit, which they don't."

Following the meeting, Walter Cann, Jack Connor, and Rick LaBonte, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, were asked for their comments,

Cann felt the reaction had been very positive, with 53 additional signatures on the warrant article and over 30 signatures for volunteers. "Our job now is to get technical support for many of our positions," he said, "particularly the noise factor, which I think we underplayed. From here on we must keep the information flowing." Cann also stressed that the group is not anti-development but "against this power plant."

"As a resident," Jack Connor said, "I want the full story before I decide one way or the other. It is now incumbent on us to find some way to control the very real problems of water, oil, and traffic. We must also deal with the information presented on an item by item basis and find out if the non-technical information collected by the committee is accurate. In short," he said, "let's hear both sides and then decide."

Rick LaBonte said he shared the concerns of the people who live in the area and of those in the rest of the community. "Electricity is needed, but we don't know if this is the best way to get it," LaBonte said. "We have to do much research to answer the questions being asked by proponents and opponents. I will not support the project until safeguards are in place for traffic, pollution, groundwater and each and every other concern, and until all residents are satisfied. Remember that in addition to the concerns of Sutton, state and federal regulations must be satisfied. The tax issue must also be clarified. I do feel that it is unwise to "blanket" exclude anything."

LaBonte said he will be proposing a public forum to present both sides of the issue and to answer all questions to everyone's satisfaction.

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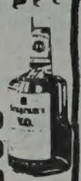

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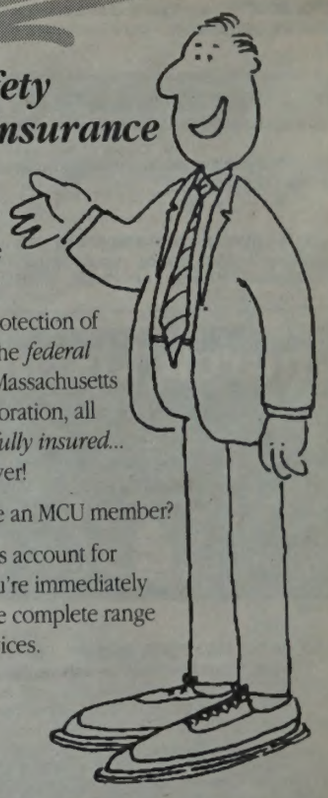

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